



Town of Harpswell

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Recycling Committee Minutes

October 21, 2020

Attendees: Chuck Perow, George Barker, Philip Conner, Jeff Stann, Bob Eaton

Absent: Jack Stokinger

Meeting called to order at 4:20

Minutes from 1/15/20 and 2/19/20 meetings were approved.

New Business Discussion:

Chuck brought us up to date on the planned update on the facility. Because of Covid19, everything has been delayed for various reasons including engineering issues. This caused us to miss the October bond bank deadline; this has another opening in July. Chuck added that there may be a way to avoid the bond bank and issue the bond otherwise and is not concerned about this.

One issue is caused by Regulation 500 which deals with run-off. This may be resolved by relocating the run-off from the upgraded building.

Chuck said he was not overly concerned that the existing equipment would survive until we can replace it.

George will write a summary of the current status and updated plans for the improvements to the recycling center for the next issue of the Anchor.

We talked about obtaining new members for our committee. Please let either Chuck or me know if you have suggestions.

Chuck asked that the committee work up suggestions for developing a Green Business Acknowledgment program to encourage local business to adopt more green practices. We need to design a questionnaire with a list of criteria that would qualify a business to be designated as a Green Harpswell Business. Businesses that qualify could display a certificate at their business, include certificate designation on their advertising and letterhead, display a digital version on their website, or distribute bumperstickers, etc. We can find a list of businesses at the Harpswell Business Association website to get an idea of the categories of business operating in Harpswell.

Old Business:
None

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05ish

Next meeting: November 18, 2020 at 4:15 via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Conner